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# Hawaii Taro Millings

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## Taro for poi production above year ago

The USDA, NASS, Hawaii Field Office estimates taro for poi production at 990,000 pounds for the second quarter of 2006, an increase of 12 percent from the second quarter of a year ago, but a decrease of 13 percent from the first quarter of 2006.

The second quarter of 2006 began with a decline in taro for poi millings. In April 2006, taro millers used 310,000 pounds of taro, down 17 percent from March 2006. Taro for poi millings increased 16 percent in May to 360,000 pounds. Taro for poi milling decreased 11 percent in June to 320,000 pounds.

Weather conditions, during the second quarter of 2006, began wetter than normal. The beginning of April marked the ending to the six weeks of heavy rainfall, which saturated the State. More normal trade wind weather conditions prevailed throughout most of the second quarter. A few low pressure systems interrupted the trade wind flow and brought some heavy showers to parts of the State. The island of Hawaii received the greatest amount of rainfall during the early May period. Most of the precipitation occurred throughout the eastern portion of the island, all the way down through Ka'u. ■

Monthly Taro for Poi Millings, State of Hawaii, 5-year average, 2005, and 2006.

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>												
5-year average <sup>1</sup> .....	418	399	422	391	398	408	436	453	441	452	429	462	5,110
2005 .....	335	330	355	290	290	305	320	395	360	400	385	435	4,200
<b>2006</b> <sup>2</sup> .....	<b>390</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>320</b>							
<u>Percent changes:</u>	<i>Percent</i>												
2006/5-year .....	93	93	89	79	90	78							
2006/2005.....	116	112	106	107	124	105							

<sup>1</sup> Years: 2001-2005.

<sup>2</sup> Revised.

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# Monthly Taro for Poi Millings State of Hawaii: 2005, 2006, and 5-year averages

